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FOR PEACE CORPS ACTING DIRECTOR HANDWERGER

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SUBJECT: PEACE CROPS FISHERIES PROPOSAL

- 1. DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES DADA AND DEPUTY ADEROUNMU HAVE TRAVELLED NORTH TO MAIDUGURI FOR NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL WEEKEND JULY 9/10. EMBOFF CALLED ON ADEROUNMU PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE JULY 1 AND WAS ADVISED IT WOULD BE BETTER IF CLEMENS/MEZAINIS COULD DELAY ARRIVAL UNTIL JULY 13.
- 2. FISHERIES OFFICER OMOLOYIN, THIRD RANKING OFFICIAL IN DEPARTMENT, VISITED EMBASSY MORNING JULY 5 AND SAID HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY DADA TO PREPARE ITINERARY, CONTACT STATE FISHERIES OFFICIALS, AND ACCOMPANY CLEMENS/MEZAINIS ON TOUR OF STATES. OMOLOYIN DRAFTING SCHEDULED BASED ON ARRIVAL WEDNESDAY JULY 13, WITH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY SPEND IN LAGOS, BEGINNING WITH CALL ON DADA THURSDAY JULY 14 AND INCLUDING VISIT TO FISH FARM ON NEARBY IKOYI ISLAND, DISCUSSIONS WITH LAGOS STATE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESEARCH, BOTH OF WHICH LOCATED ADJACENT TO FEDERAL DEPARTME OF FISHERIES, AND WHATEVER BRIEFINGS AT EMBASSY WE WISH TO ARRANGE. TRAVEL TO STATES WILL COMMENCE MONDAY JULY 18 AND END SECOND WEEK OF AUGUST.
- 3. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER IN VIEW OF ABOVE CLEMENS/MEZAINIS WILL DELAY ARRIVAL. PAN AM FLIGHT 190 DEPARTS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW YORK TUESDAY JULY 12 AT 1845, ARRIVES LAGOS WEDNESDAY JULY 13 AT 1335. SHOULD CLEMENS/MEZAINIS STILL WISH ARRIVE JULY 9 AS PLANNED, THE ARE OF COURSE WELCOME AND CAN USE FIRST FEW DAYS TO GET ACCLIMATIZED AND FAMILIARIZE THEMSEVES WITH LAGOS. IN EITHER CASE WOULD APPRECIATE FLIGHT DETAILS ASAP SO WE CAN ARRANGE TO MEET AND HOUSE THEM. EASUM

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